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SUBJECT: OIM TASK FORCE ON NEAR EAST TRADE

REF: A. STATE 52063

B. TEHRAN 1819

C. TEHRAN A-38

D. TEHRAN A-95, MAY 29, 1973

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, IRAN'S FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN (REFS C AND D) WHICH BEGAN MARCH 21, 1973 AND RUNS FOR FIVE YEARS, HAS NOT BEEN REVISED OFFICIALLY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SHARP INCREASES IN EXPECTED FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITY FROM OIL PRICE INCREASES. GOI PLAN ORGANIZATION AND APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES ARE IN MIDST OF EXTENSIVE REWRITING OF PLAN, BUT RESULTS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IN SPEECH BEFORE IRAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEMINAR, CENTRAL BANK VICE GOVERNOR KOOROS RECENTLY ESTIMATED DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES DURING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AT \$55-60 BILLION, UNCLASSIFIED

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OR SOME \$20 BILLION MORE THAN ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. DEVELOP-

MENT SPENDING OF THIS MAGNITUDE PROBABLY IS FEASIBLE, BUT AMBITIOUS SCHEMES WILL BE INHIBITED TO SOME EXTENT BY INFLATIONARY PRESSURES AND BY BOTTLENECKS IN ECONOMY SUCH AS SHORTAGE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AND POOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

2. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY SHIFTS IN EMPHASIS FROM EARLIER DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. AS REPORTED REF B, IRAN WILL CONCENTRATE ON EXPANDING OIL REFINING CAPACITY, PETROCHEMICALS AND STEEL INDUSTRIES, DEFENSE PRODUCTION CAPABILITY, MINERALS EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION, AND IMPROVING LONG NEGLECTED AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON AGRO-BUSINESS. ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (E.G. RAIL AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION, PORTS DEVELOPMENT, IRRIGATION, ELECTRIC POWER) AND SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE (MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN IMPROVING HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND MEDICAL FACILITIES) ALSO HAVE HIGH PRIORITY.

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